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JESSE H. SIKES.

SASH, BLIND & DOOR MANUFACTURER.

Talbot St., Norfolk, Va.

W. H. Sikes, formerly of the attention of

the carpenters and Builders of North Caro-

lina, about Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edin-

burgh and Plymouth, to his extensive establish-

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EMPORIUM OF

ELEGANCE AND FASHION!

DRY GOODS, &c.

THE season has again arrived when the sub-

scriber is enabled to show to the public a

NEW, RICH and SELECT stock of

Staple and Fancy Dry Goods!

The public generally and his old friends parti-

cularly are requested to call on the following

PROGRAMME:

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

Dress Silks of various patterns and styles

Satin Stripes, DeLanes, Diamond do, Plaid do;

Paranetta Cloth, Brocade, Merino, and Lace

French Gingham, black and gold Alpaca

Mourning DeLanes and Gingham

Fancy Prints, Trimmings of all grades

Jackets, Swiss and Cambric Edgings and

Insertings; Thread Edgings and Lace

Bobbin Edgings; L. C. Hairs; Long Shavels

Square do, Cape Laces; Velvet Cuffs and Neck

Ties; Kid Gloves; Woolen, French Silk Mitts

Silk, Cotton and Wool Hosiery; Ladies' Merino

Vests; Wool Hosiery; Opera do; Silk Belt Ribbons

&c., &c.

GENTLEMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Black French Cloth from \$2.50 to \$4 per yard

Black Beaver Cloth; Merino do; Mixed do;

Cold Blankets for Over Coats

Do Skin Cassimere; Fancy do

French Cassimere; French Rich Silk Vests

Damask do; Cashmere do; Black Silk Velvet

Silk and worsted Serges; Cloak Linings

Saxony Wrappers; Silk Scarfs and Cravats

Buttons of all kinds &c., &c.

The subscriber further offers that he can show

an assortment of Merchant Tailoring Goods far

superior to any shown in this market for years

past. He has the honor to announce that he has

his goods in that line, to the entire consideration

of all concerned.

In addition to the Goods above enumerated the

subscriber has on hand a large stock of Bleached

Cottons; Hosiery; Tickings; Apron Checks;

Irish Linens; Roll and White Flannels;

NEGRIL BLANKETS AND KERSEYS;

Caution! The subscriber has on hand a large

stock of the following Goods, and is prepared to

show them to the public, and to receive orders for

the same, at the following prices:

THE subscriber is particularly requested to examine

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He asks, in this notice, to give his stock (as re-

marks quality and price) a fair examination, and

is willing to risk the consequences.

Oct. 8, 1850. JAS. W. HINTON.

MERCHANT'S HOTEL,

GATESVILLE, N. C.

The undersigned having re-

cently repaired this Establishment,

and is now prepared to receive guests, and

to accommodate them in the most comfortable

and convenient manner, and at the lowest

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MILLWRIGHTS AND CHEMISTS,

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manifesting itself in our community. Among

the many who have only to encourage with their

patronage the domestic establishments at home, and

to avoid the trouble and expense of sending their

orders to the foreign market, we are prepared to

show them to the public, and to receive orders for

12,000 DOLLARS!

SPEAKING OF A GUN, REMINDS

US OF A REPORT,

NOW CURRENTLY CIRCULATED, THAT

MESSRS. J. M. WHEDBEE & BRO.

have a fine stock of

Boots, Shoes, Hats & Caps.

Well, it is a fact that the patronage which

they have met, in the business pursued by them

for several years, has rendered them competent to

select, and able to keep a stock which warrants

them in the assertion that they "but little differ

themselves, when they say that in Elizabeth City

is kept by

JAMES M. WHEDBEE & BRO.

THE BOOT, SHOE, AND HAT STORE.

Having completed our new and elegant store

on Road Street, two doors South of the Store of

Mr. Hinton's, and nearly opposite Mr. J. W.

Hinton's Dry Goods Store, we are now

prepared to supply our customers, and the public

generally, with any article in our line of business,

singly or by the pair, dozen or box, upon such

terms and for such prices as an extensive stock,

exclusively supplied to one branch of business,

necessarily render of an extra inducement.

A part of our LARGE ASSORTMENT, just

received and recently selected by Mr. J. M.

Whedbee, in the city of Philadelphia, New York

and Boston, is embraced in the following

CATALOGUE:

For Ladies, (first of course) to whom we would

be all attention, we have on hand a large

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THE WINTER IS COMING.

The following, by D. C. Coleworthy, is

a noble appeal in behalf of the Poor, and is

inspired Poetry besides:

Winter is coming--cold and drear--

See ye the poor around?

O, when the wrathful storms career,

And snows o'erspread the ground,

Will ye not take them by the hand,

Or to the hovel go,

And around the dying embers stand,

And wipe the tears that flow?

Winter is coming--hear ye not

The mother's earnest cry?

For dark and dreary is her lot--

Nor real friend is nigh.

For word and bread she asketh now,

O! shall she ask in vain?

See sorrow stamped upon her brow,

And mark the orphan train.

Winter is coming--every drawer

Should be unlocked to-day:

Whom do you keep that clothing for?

Why not give it away?

Come pull it out--a cloak a vest,

Whatever you can give,

Wrapped snugly round the orphan's

breast,

Will make the dying live.

The closet watch--a pair of shoes,

Half worn--and here's a cap,

Which you perhaps may never use--

A hat with scarce a nap--

A pair of pants--a rusty coat--

In this town
 by Rev. Seth
 to Miss Estlin.

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MARRIED.
In this town Thursday evening 19th inst.
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to Miss ELIZABETH JACKSON, both of this place.

NORFOLK MARKETS.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1850.

BACON—Virginia and N. Carolina hog
round 7 1/2; Hams 9 a 10c.
CORN—White and mixed corn 55 a
60 cts.; yellow 59 a 50 cts.
COTTON—11 1/2 a 12 1/2 cts.
FLAXSEED—\$1 a \$1 37.
LARD—7 1/2 a 8 cts.
PEAS—B. E. 50 a 55 cts. from stores.
PORK—Mess. \$12 a 12 1/2.
PRIME—W. O. Pipe \$45.
R. O. hhd. in demand, \$30 a \$31.
W. O. hhd. \$21 a \$22.
W. O. Heading, \$38 a \$40.
Rough W. O. hhd. \$22.
TAR—Black, \$1 37 a \$1 50.

BALTIMORE MARKET—Dec. 20.
Flour—Howard street and City Mills
\$1 23 a \$1 56 1/2.
Wheat—Good to prime red, 100 a 101
cts.; ordinary to good 95 a 100c.; white
103 a 108c.; family flour white 110 a
115 cts.
Corn—Old white corn 51 a 52c.; yellow
55 a 53c.

MARINE REPORT.
ELIZABETH CITY DEC. 20, 1850
For the week ending yesterday.

ARRIVED.
Schr Ann Hunter, Purdy, fm Norfolk.
Schr Stag, Rogers, fm Norfolk.
Schr North Carolina, Gray, fm Balt.
Schr Wm A Ferguson, North, fm Balt-
more, with mdz. to Wm. Halsey, and
others.
Schr Sarah Woolford, Jones, from
Norfolk.
Schr A C Williams, Curran, fm Norfolk.
Schr Capt. Culpepper, fm Norfolk.
Schr Jos. M. Jones, Edmonson, fm
Baltimore.
Schr Janet, Walker, fm Richmond.
Schr Julia Ann, Griggs, fm Rum Key,
with salt to master.
SAILED.
Schr M P Ivy, Cowell, with lumber to
Alexandria.
Schr North State, —, for Colum-
bia with salt.
Schr J. B. Lindsay, Briggs, for Barba-
dos, with shingles and staves by Wm.
Simmons.
Schr E S Biven, Hopkins, with cotton
staves and naval stores, to Norfolk.
Schr Lizzie G. Russell, Owens, with
corn to Norfolk.
Schr Maria M, Messer, with corn to
Norfolk.
Schr Eliza Ann T. Walker, Liverman,
with shingles to Baltimore, or a market.
Schr Wm H Harrison, Heath with
staves to Norfolk.
Schr Elizabeth Forbes, Forbes, with
staves, &c. to Norfolk.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.
There will be a public address be-
fore the Pasquotank Division of Free and
Assessed Masses, at the Baptist Church, at 12
o'clock, on Friday, 22nd inst. All friends
of the cause are requested to be present.
WM. W. GREEN, Secy.
J. M. JORDAN, Comdr.
Dec 22—41

"HOW IS YOUR TIME?"
CARRIAGES! CARRIAGES!
Selling off at cost, FOR CASH.
A. T. The Factory opposite the Mission House,
on 2nd Street, between 2nd and 3rd streets.
There are double and single Rockaways,
top Buggies, second hand and new, second
hand Broughams, (now) Broughams, &c. all
sold at cost for cash. JND. DOES.
E. City, Dec. 24, 1850.

SUNDRIES.
FRESH TEA 175 packages of Gunpowder
and Black Tea.
COFFEE—100 bags of new crop Rio Coffee; 50
bags Java Coffee.
CANDLES—500 boxes of 500 boxes Soap and
Candles.
FLOUR—100 bbls superfine Flour.
RICE—100 bbls superfine Rice (good proof).
200 bbls Whiskey, 100 bbls Rum, Cognac Brandy,
and Rye Gin 200 and 400 casks Cognac
Brandy; 5 pipes Holland Gin; 75 casks Malaga
Tenerife, Port and sweet Madeira Wine;
casks of Old Irish Whiskey.
TOBACCO—75 bbls Good and 500 Pound Lump
Tobacco; 44 bbls and 20 casks Washington B.
Rice; 100 and 200 Pound Tobacco.
WRITING AND WRAPPING PAPER—200
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POETRY.

A BATTLE PIECE.

BY CROLY.

The Turkman lay beside the river;
The wind played loose through bow and quiver,
The charger on the bank fed free,
The shield hung glittering from the tree,
The trumpet, shawn and attabal
Were hid from view by cloak and pall,
For long and weary was the way
The hordes had marched that burning day.

Above them, on the sky of June,
Broad as a buckler glowed the moon—
Flooding with glory vale and hill,
In silver sprang the mountain rill,
The shrub in silver lustre bent,
A pile of silver stood the tent,
All soundless, sweet tranquillity—
All beauty, hill, and tent and tree.

There came a sound—'twas like the gush
When night winds shake the rose's bush!
There came a sound—'twas like the tread
Of wolves along the valley's bed!
There came a sound—'twas like the roar
Of ocean on its wintry shore!

"Death to the Turk!" up rose the yell—
On rolled the charge—a thunder peal!
The Tartar arrows fell like rain—
They clank on helm, and mail, and chain—
In blood-in hate—in death, were twined
Savage and Greek—mad—bleeding—
blind—

And still on flank, and front and rear
Raged, Constantine! thy thirsting spear!
Brassy and pale—a type of doom—
Looked the moon through deeppling gloom!
Down plung'd her orb, 'twas pitchy night!
Now, Turkman, turn thy reins for flight!
On rushed their thousands through the dark!

But in the camp a ruddy spark
Like an uncertain meteor reeled—
Thy hand, brave king, that firebrand
Wheeled!

Wild burst the burning element,
O'er man and courser, flag and tent!
And through the blaze the Greeks out-
sprang,
Like tigers bloody—hoof and fang!
With dagger stab, and falchion's sweep,
Delving the stunned and staggering heap,
Till lay the slave, by chief and khan—
And all was gone that once was man!

A wailing on the Euxine shore—
Her chivalry shall rise no more—
There's wailing on thy hills, Altai!
For chiefs the Grecian culture's prey—
But Bosphorus! thy silver wave,
Hears shouts for thy returning brave—
The highest of her kingly line—
For there comes glorious Constantine!

MISCELLANEOUS.

[From Arthur's Home Gazette.]

A NIGHT AMONGST THE CLOUDS.

Translated from the French.

BY ESTHER WETHERALL.

On a Sunday, in the month of August,
Towards evening, the population of the
Manheim was returning to the city in
scattered groups. All the gardens lately
established on the site of the destroyed
fortifications were deserted, except
one, from which might be heard the sound
of voices and of instruments.

It was the garden of the Cabin, then
celebrated at Manheim for its rural balls,
carousals, fire-works, and captive balloons.
The latter had for some time attracted
the crowd by their novelty. Although the
admirable discovery of the brothers
Mongolfier was no longer new, it was
only recently that it had been used as a
source of amusement, and so rapid and
complete was its success in Germany,
that each public garden was supplied
with its balloon, and an ascent was as
simple and as little dreaded as a trip up-
on the Rhine.

It is true, these aerial voyages were
short, and offered few dangers. Firmly
fastened to the earth by ropes, which one
could lengthen or shorten at pleasure,
the balloon only rose to the height desired
by the aeronauts, who rarely wished to
ascend above the highest trees.

The different parties in the garden
were assembling at one point, from which
they were to behold the fire-works, when
a man about forty years of age, accom-
panied by a young girl, appeared at the
extremity of one of the most shaded
walks. They too, were approaching the
esplanade, but slowly, as if pre-occupied
by some serious idea.

After a pause of some length, the man
spoke quickly and with an energetic ges-
ture.

"No, sister, never whilst I live can I
pardon Christian Loffman for disputing
with me the succession of his cousin—
For God knows this inheritance was not
a gift, but a legitimate indemnification
due to me from the deceased."

"His will ought to have declared it,
Michael," said the young girl.

"And because it did not, I am to be de-
spoiled of what is my due. Florence!"
because a dying man neglected to explain
everything, Michael Ritter is to be accus-
ed of cheating by this Loffman."

"He is not acquainted with us, my brother,"
said the young girl, mildly; "these
suspicions have been instilled into his
mind, and he has believed them be-
cause it was his interest to believe."

"To think," replied Michael, bitterly,
"that the land I have cultivated for twenty
years, and which I have acquired by
hard labor, should be taken away from
me by a stranger who has no other right
than the accident of birth."

"The case is not yet decided," resumed
Florence.

Her brother shook his head.

"This Loffman is young, active, and I
have no doubt has friends who will inter-

rest themselves for him. Perhaps the
deceit which despoils me is already
pronounced."

Florence sighed—Ritter perceived it.
"Come," said he, with an effort, "here
am I talking again to thee of this affair,
after having conducted thee hither to am-
use thee and forget it. I would like
some uncommon spectacle, some new
sensation, to withdraw me from this sin-
gular pre-occupation."

At this moment a turn in the path
brought them to the open space in
which a captive balloon was swaying
gracefully to and fro some feet above
their heads; it sustained an elegant boat,
which, following its oscillations, seemed
to float gently over the turf. Florence
could not restrain a cry of surprise and
admiration. Brought up far from the
city, it was the first time she had enjoyed
an opportunity of examining a balloon.
She approached with her brother.

"Two places more!" exclaimed the
guardian whose duty it was to loosen the
ropes.

Michael looked at the boat, in which a
young man had just seated himself; he
looked like a traveler, and held in his
hand one of the iron-bound sticks which
persons use when on an excursion into
the mountains.

"Two places," repeated he with a
smile, turning to Florence. "Wouldst
thou not like to take an airing above the
trees?"

"Is there no danger?" asked the young
girl.

"None whatever," said the guardian—
"I have already sent up more than ten
thousand persons."

"And we can descend again when we
please?"

"You have only to draw the bell cord
which you will find in the boat."

Florence hesitated. Although she felt
some fear, the novelty of such an ascent
tempted her, and accustomed to depend
on her brother, she turned to him and
said she was ready to go if he decided
in favor of it.

"Well, then, for a voyage in the air!"
said Michael.

And approaching the boat, they placed
themselves within it.

When the guardian saw them seated,
he loosened the ropes, and the balloon
began to ascend slowly.

As they rose, the young girl uttered
an exclamation and turned pale.

The stranger who sat opposite, stretch-
ing his hand towards the bell cord.

"Wouldst thou return to the earth?"
asked he, smiling.

"Many thanks, sir," said Florence,
whose color soon returned, "I shall be-
come accustomed to this sensation."

"Look! look!" cried Michael; "we are
already above the trees."

The young girl looked down, and the
singularity of the spectacle made her
forget her fears.

The Garden of the Cabin was below
them, and the eye could at once glance
distinguish all its parts. Immediately
below the balloon extended the esplan-
ade, covered with a crowd of people,
whose murmurs scarcely reached their
aerial voyagers. The air seemed light-
er, and had an excited freshness. Flo-
rence turned her joyous face towards her
brother.

"How grand and beautiful everything
looks!" said she. "Michael, do you not
feel a sort of intoxication, and are you
not here more tranquil and happy than
you were a short time since?"

"I am," replied Ritter, "the physical
sensation passes to the mind. I feel
raised above the iniquities of man, as I
raised above their dwellings. But
what is about to take place? why is that
crowd upon the esplanade?"

"They are waiting for the fire-works,"
observed the stranger.

"And there go the first rockets," said
Florence.

"Why do they go off thus, one after
another?"

"Look! the platform which sustained
the principal pieces has given way."

"It is a failure. Do you hear the
cries?"

"God pardon me!" exclaimed Michael,
"they are breaking the balustrades,
which surround the parterres."

"It is an emeute of the students," said
the stranger, "they are revenging them-
selves upon the garden, on account of
their disappointment."

"How fortunate we are not in the
midst of the tumult," observed Florence.

"Thou art no longer afraid?" asked
Ritter.

"Not at all."

"Then we may rise higher."

He made the signal agreed upon, the
cords were loosened, and the balloon
rose again for some moments, then stop-
ped.

The three travellers uttered at the
same time, a cry of admiration.

Below them extended as far as the
eye could reach, magnificent valleys on
which were to be seen forests, meadows,
cultivated fields, and villages, whose va-
rious colors and shapes formed a thou-
sand capricious embroideries. The Black
Forest on the side of Wirtenburg, and
the Rhine on the side of France, framed
this picture with an undulating line,
whilst one saw, winding afar and losing
itself on the horizon, the Neckar covered
with bending sails.

"Happy country!" said the stranger,
as if speaking to himself, "happy coun-
try where God has given to man the fer-
tile field, the navigable river, and the
wooded mountain."

Michael sighed.

"Happy indeed! had there been no
room left for law suits and calumnies,"
he added in a low tone.

"I can sympathize with you there,"
said the unknown.

"Are you then also compelled to de-
fend your rights before the judges?"

"I am, and against an adversary who
will neglect nothing in order to despoil
me."

"Precisely my case said Michael; 'if
he gains his law suit, I lose all that I
have acquired.'"

"I all that the future promised me."

"The fruit of my labor will go to en-
rich a greedy man."

"All my hopes will be annihilated to
the profit of a hypocrite."

"I cannot help fearing that law will
cause justice to be forgotten."

"I, that intrigue will prevail over
right."

"Ah, I see," cried Michael, "our posi-
tion is the same, sir; you also plead
against some Christian Loffman."

"Christian Loffman!" repeated the

stranger, "that is my name."

"Yours!"

"And my adversary is named Michael
Ritter."

"That is my name!"

The two men looked on each other
with surprise, mingled with anger and
hated.

Florence appeared alarmed.

"Let us descend, Michael," said she,
placing one hand on the arm of her
brother.

But Michael heard her not.

"What Mr. Loffman has just said of
his adversary is a calumny?" cried he,
looking on the stranger with sparkling
eyes.

"What Mr. Ritter has said of his, is a
falsehood," returned the young man
quickly.

"In heaven's name! let us descend,"
resumed the trembling girl.

"Very well!" said Michael, "explana-
tions will be more easily made upon the
ground."

"And I hope they will be decisive,"
added Loffman in a significant tone.

He had drawn the bell cord, and the
three voyagers remained silent for a mo-
ment, but the balloon continued motion-
less. The young man sounded a second
time, then a third, without being more
fortunate.

"The guardian ought to hear us," mur-
mured he, again drawing the cord.

"He is no longer there!" said Flo-
rence, who had bent over the side of the
boat.

"It is true," exclaimed Michael in his
turn, "the commotion is still going on,
and has frightened him away. Look at
that bonfire into which the crowd are
throwing the benches."

At that moment a company of young men
running over the walks and breaking the
lamps.

"Some of them are under the balloon."

"What are they doing?"

"They are unfastening the ropes, look!"

The three bent over at the same time,
uttering loud cries and waving their
hands, but it was too late. Believing
the boat empty the students had cut the
cords which held the balloon, and on be-
ing released, it rose with astonishing ra-
pidity and soon disappeared in the fogs
of evening.

The three travellers first exhausted
themselves with useless cries and ex-
clamations, but when they had lost sight
first of the garden of the Cabin, then of
the earth, a sort of calm, caused rather
by weakness than resignation, succeeded to
their despair.

They remained motionless, silent al-
most without thought.

Their situation could not indeed be
compared with any other. In ordinary
cases the dangers to which a man is ex-
posed, has been foreseen by him. He
has prepared himself for them, by sup-
positions, recitals, or reading, but here
all was unforeseen; they could do nothing
for themselves, nor could they hope
for the assistance of others, they found
themselves, so to speak, out of the sphere
of humanity, condemned to that passive
courage which makes one await death
without being able to foretell the exact
moment.

Florence, half insensible from terror,
had hidden her face on her brother's
breast, who suffering from fear, astonish-
ment and grief, could find no consolation
to give her.

Christian Loffman, seated at the other
extremity of the boat, seemed less trou-
bled, and cast from time to time a look
of commiseration upon Michael Ritter and
his sister, but the remembrance of their
hated, and the insults they had heaped
upon each other, kept them apart even
in this common danger. Meanwhile
the balloon, abandoned to the winds of
night, floated silently, when Christian
who had been looking around over the
country, turned suddenly and said:

"How far your domain extend?"

Leaning on the wooden rail which
served for a balcony, he had for some
time continued silent, when Christian
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country, turned suddenly and said:

"How far your domain extend?"

Michael started, as if this question had
revealed to him the secret thoughts of
his guest.

"Ah! you wish to know what amount
of land you will gain by your lawsuit,"
said he with some bitterness.

"Upon my soul! I was not thinking of
it," returned Loffman, disconcerted.

"You need not blush if you were," said
Ritter, "each has confidence in his own
right, I will show you the limits of the
property."

He pointed out to him one after
the other, the woods, the fields, and the
meadows composing it.

"You have kept it in very fine order,"
observed Christian.

"I have devoted all my time and
knowledge to it," replied the farmer. "I
hoped to make many improvements; but
who knows how many days I shall still
pass here? it may even already have
ceased to be mine."

At that moment Florence entered.
She looked agitated, and held in her
hand a letter bearing the post mark of
Manheim.

"Is it from Mr. Loffman?" asked Michael,
turning pale.

"Then the judgment is pronounced
and we shall learn what it is."

Michael, said Florence, who revived at that
moment.

"Let us pray then!" cried Ritter, pres-
sing her in his arms, "and may He pa-
don us as we pardon one another."

At these words he and Christian
uncovered themselves, and the three
united in a common prayer.

As they concluded a pale light ap-
peared in the east, it was the dawn.

The wind which had until then car-
ried them up into the more elevated
regions, appeared to change suddenly;
the Balloon began to descend slowly,
and a little hope entered into their hearts.

Their reconciliation had also increased
their courage. No longer isolated by
their hatred, they helped to sustain and
support each other.

The sun arose soon, and gave to their
view the country below them.

It appeared to them a resurrection, they
were no longer alone in that abyss of
darkness, through which they had floated
all night; the sun shone! the earth
existed still! they saw it below them;
they perceived rivers, mountains, and
cities; there were men like themselves,
and they perhaps followed them in the
clouds, they might even feel interested
in their safety.

And the balloon still descended.

At length they could distinguish
fields, houses, and persons. All at once
Ritter uttered an exclamation of joy. He
had distinguished Loerrach, and farther
off, on the sides of the hills, his village,
and his fields. The wind carried them
in that direction, they soon arrived
above the meadows at the fort of the
hills. Florence clasped her hands and
sobbed, she distinguished the roof of their
dwelling, the grove of oaks where she
often sat and worked—the little brook
which ran along the foot of the rocks.

Michael himself wept. At this moment
the balloon which had been descending,
began to rise again slowly. The young
girl and her brother uttered a cry of de-
spair, and bending over the side of the
boat, extended their arms as if they
would have flown towards their habita-
tion.

"Have we no means of descending?"
cried the fearful Florence.

"There is one," replied Loffman, "but it
is dangerous."

"Let us try it, anything rather than
to remain thus," said Ritter, "think of the
last night!"

"Well," said the young man, "it is
besides our last resource."

He rose with precaution, raised the
iron-bound stick which he had until then
kept near him, and tore the cover of the
balloon.

It seemed to utter a sigh, and agitated
itself convulsively, like a human being
receiving a wound. For a moment the
uncertainty was terrible. The three tra-
vellers closed their eyes frightened and
stunned.

All at once a noise was heard, and
they experienced a violent shock; they
looked up terrified, and found the balloon
fast in the branches of a pine tree, and
the boat swinging a few feet from the
ground.

Towards evening of the same day,
Loffman and Ritter were leaning from the
window of a house, built upon the decli-
vity of a hill. It was Michael's, to which
he had conducted his companion after their
deliverance.

The brother and sister, at first, only
thought of rejoicing with him at their es-
cape, but when these joyful feelings had
in some measure subsided, Ritter felt
awakening within him the remembrance
of his interests so gravely menaced.

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turning pale.

"Then the judgment is pronounced
and we shall learn what it is."

He extended his trembling hand to
take the letter, but Florence seized it in
hers, and casting a timid glance on Loff-
man—

"Whatever may happen," said she,
"forget not that you have renounced all
hated."

"The letter! give me the letter!" ex-
claimed Michael, very much agitated.

The young girl drew back a step.

"Promise first to submit without ill
will to the decision, whatever it may be."

And pointing with her finger to the pine
tree at the bottom of the hill, on which
still hung the remains of the balloon, ad-
ded: "Recollect the night passed among
the clouds, and the oath you made."

Ritter and Loffman looked on each o-
ther. There was a moment of hesita-
tion, then each extended his hand.

"Yes," cried Michael, "it shall not be
said that danger alone opened our hearts
to mercy. Saved by the goodness of
God, let us prove our gratitude by our
submission. Christian Loffman, we left
our hatred in the clouds, let it not return
to us again on earth. Whatever this
letter announces, I declare I will accept
it without anger."

"And I will bless it for having assured
me a friend," added Christian, "even
if it destroyed all my hopes."

Florence gave the letter to her bro-
ther, who opened it with a firm hand,
looked over it, and turned rather pale.

"You are in your own house Mr. Loff-
man," said the farmer, turning towards
the young man.

"Then the judges have decided in my
favor," said he with a joyful start.

"This is the decree."

Christian took the paper which Mich-
ael held out to him.

"Henceforth," continued the farmer
"you are the master of all that belonged
to your cousin; his domain is yours."

A domain is not worth so much as
a friend," interrupted Loffman tearing
the paper.

Ritter looked in astonishment, Flo-
rence clasped her hands.

"Yes," continued the young man, "I
came here a guest, I will not remain as
an enemy. He who received me with
so much generosity shall himself point
out an arbiter to regulate our rights."

"I!" said Ritter much moved, "Ah!
who can I choose?"

Loffman turned a look full of tenderness
on Florence, who cast down her eyes,
then taking the hand of the farmer,
she who formed our friendship has the
power to draw the link still closer,
and to render a division easy between us."

"In what way?" asked Michael.

"By causing two friends to become
brothers."

Ritter looked upon Florence with a
smile, as if to question her, the young
girl threw herself on his breast to hide
her confusion, and extended her hand
to Loffman.

A HASTY MARRIAGE.

Some sixty-five or seventy years ago,
a vessel, from Boston, arrived at one of
the wharves in London. Among the
hands on board, was one by the name of
Tudor, a steady, respectable, and well-
looking young man, who acted in capac-
ity of both cooper and sailor. Very